

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
POLLUTION REPORT**

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Subject: Initiation of Action
Texas Township Drum Site
Texas Township, MI

POLREP No.: 1	Site #:
Reporting Period: 8/26/08 through 9/1/08	D.O. #:
Start Date: 8/26/2008	Response Authority:
Mob Date: 8/26/2008	Response Type: Emergency
Completion Date:	NPL Status:
CERCLIS ID #:	Incident Category:
RCRIS ID #:	Contract #

Site Description

On about August 20, 2008 a fire broke out in an out building at 10135 West Avenue O in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The property owner declined assistance by the Kalamazoo Fire Department and worked to attempt to extinguish the fire by himself. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) enforcement division and the U.S. EPA enforcement division issued a warrant against the homeowner, and with the MDEQ's subcontractor, conducted an assessment of site conditions and performed air monitoring activities along the perimeter of the Site and around the out building. Upon inspection of the site, an estimated 400 55-gallon drums containing various hazardous materials and biological wastes were present in three (3) locations on the property, including the pole barn, staged along a trail on the property, and placed in a recently excavated pit. The MDEQ contractor Weston Solutions (WESTON), is performing waste inventory and sampling, the contractor Young Environmental (Young) is performing lab packing of materials prior to disposing of hazardous materials. The U.S. EPA Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and MDEQ OCI (Office of Criminal Investigation) conducted a criminal investigation consisting of gathering photographic and analytical sample evidence of selected materials found in drums. The drums are charred and the contents of some contain incompatible materials which may react when drums are moved. The Site is a threat to the nearby human population and animals due to the dangerous nature of materials found in drums, the unstable conditions of drums, and security of the property. The adjacent area is used as rural residential property.

Current Activities

Air monitoring of the three areas of concern.

Planned Removal Actions

Waiting on the access agreement between property owner and the U.S. EPA. Then mobilizing ERRS and START on site for removal action.

Next Steps

Staging all drums, inventory of all materials, sampling of materials, proper lab packing all materials and disposing all materials.

Key Issues

Security of the three areas of concern and the media attempting to gain access onto the property.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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